

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you. I merely want to say on behalf of those poor souls who are unable to support themselves, that I take exception to Senator Beutler's remarks when he said welfare recipients and deadbeats. I don't think everybody that is receiving social assistance, Senator Beutler, is a deadbeat and the average person on ADC is there 1.8 years, less than two years. I really take exception to that because I've been listening to it for so many years here and that's my point, simply to stand up and defend those poor people who through no fault of their own are in that position.

PRESIDENT: Shall we proceed with the roll call vote? Are you making another point, Senator Landis? Very well. May we proceed with the roll call vote on the Beutler amendment.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken as found on page 2131 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The Beutler amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to amend the committee amendments. (Haberman amendment appears on page 2132 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: And the Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: (No response.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Chizek. Thank you. The call of the house is raised.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, if the people will turn to page 2 of the bill, my amendment is to amend the committee amendment, Section 4, page 3 strike all words after claim to the word should. So what I'm doing is I'm taking out the words on page 3, "have a valid legal basis and are meritorious and that the tort claim". It will read with my amendment, that the contract claim and the tort claim should be allowed and paid in the amount of \$8.5 million because the judges ruled, they found that this was a fair, adequate and reasonable settlement to the state and the depositors and could not find legal or any other reason to disapprove. Therefore, due to that is what the courts said I feel that